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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL--CONGRESS OF WORLD UNITY

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1. CONGRESS OF WORLD UNITY HAS RECENTLY BEEN RECOGNIZED  
AS AN OFFICIAL BICENTENNIAL EVENT BY THE ARBA.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONGRESS, SPONSORS ARE ARRANGING  
A HOME HOSPITALITY PROJECT ENTITLED "LATCHSTRING 1976" FOR  
A TOTAL OF ONE THOUSAND FAMILIES FROM COUNTRIES FROM WHICH  
THE PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONGRESS ARE DRAWN.  
SPONSORS ENVISION FIFTY OR MORE FAMILIES FROM MEXICO  
VISITING PHILADELPHIA FOR APPROXIMATELY A WEEK IN MAY 1976  
IN CONNECTION WITH CONGRESS AS GUESTS OF PHILADELPHIA AREA  
FAMILIES. VISITORS WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY OWN TRAVEL  
COSTS.

3. SPONSORS HAVE ARRANGED WITH SENOR CARLOS MELENDEZ TO  
BE THEIR AGENT IN DEVELOPING PARTICIPATION OF MEXICAN  
FAMILIES. SENOR MELENDEZ IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MEXICAN  
SISTER CITIES PROGRAM AND WILL PROBABLY BE IN TOUCH WITH  
PAO AND TRAVEL SERVICE FIELD DIRECTOR REGARDING LATCH-  
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STRING 1976. APPROPRIATE ACTION BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO

FACILITATE HIS EFFORTS WILL BE APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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